

1. (Proposed Amended) A television signal receiver connected to a plurality of recording apparatuses, which record program data received by said television signal receiver, said television signal receiver comprising:

an input unit adapted to input program data;

an identification unit adapted to identify a genre to which the program data inputted by said input unit belongs;

an allocation unit adapted to allocate genre information to each of the plurality of recording apparatuses;

a selection unit adapted to select a recording apparatus from among the plurality of recording apparatuses in accordance with the genre identified by said identification unit, wherein said selection unit selects the recording apparatus in accordance with the genre information allocated by said allocation unit and the genre of the program data identified by said identification unit; and

an output unit adapted to output the program data to the recording apparatus selected by said selection unit.

7. (Proposed Amended) A recording control method of controlling a plurality of recording apparatuses, which record program data received by a television signal receiver, said method comprising:

an input step of inputting program data;

an identification step of identifying a genre to which the inputted program data belongs;

an allocation step of allocating genre information to each of the plurality of recording apparatuses;

a selection step of selecting a recording apparatus from among the plurality of recording apparatuses in accordance with the identified group, wherein, in said selection step, the recording apparatus is selected in accordance with the genre information allocated in said allocation step and the genre of the program data identified in said identification step; and

an output step of outputting the program data to the selected recording apparatus.

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